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Labor Day BBQ planned at American Legion.
The American Legion, Post 20 is hosting a Labor Day Barbecue on Sunday, Sept. 1 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Belle Glade Marina Pavilion. Dinners will include chicken or ribs with all the trimmings for a \$7 donation. Live music will be provided by "Country Rogues" from 1 to 5 p.m. Take out is available and tickets can be purchased at the Marina or by calling the Legion Post at 996-6444.

Farm Bureau dinner set for Sept. 10
The annual Farm Bureau Dinner will be held Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will start at 7 p.m. During the evening, the Farm Family of the Year will be announced. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Farm Bureau office, 3019 State Road 15, Belle Glade, or by calling Beth Painter at 996-0343.

Childbirth Education Classes to begin
Everglades Regional Medical Center will offer Childbirth Education Classes beginning Sept. 17 through Oct. 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Conference Room A at the hospital. Shirley Day, L.P.N. will be the instructor for the classes. For more information, contact Shirley at ERMHC, 924-5301, extension 5151 or beeper number 554-2141. These childbirth classes are being provided compliments of ERMHC.

Health Fest '96
The HRS/Palm Beach County Public Health Unit, St. Mary's Catholic Church at 1200 East Main Street, Pahokee and citizens from the Glades community are sponsoring a Health Fest '96. The event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of St. Mary's.

Various community agencies will pool their resources to offer free immunizations, school physicals, health and safety information, voter registration and the Beckett pregnancy lab will be on the premises. Representative Addie Green will preside at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the new WIC Center. Free entertainment will be provided by several gospel singing groups, ethnic dancers, animal acts, a moon bounce, train rides and roving clowns. Ethnic foods and drinks will be available throughout the day. In addition, lots of door prizes will be given away. The main prize will be two tickets to Disney World and the Magic Kingdom. Last year, this event was attended by over 500 people.

Absentee ballots are available for election.
Absentee ballots are available for the upcoming Belle Glade City Commission race. If you are a shut-in or are going to be out of town on election day, Tuesday, Sept. 10, call 996-0100.

Everglades Regional makes offer to buy local hospitals for \$25 million

By Brenda Bunting
Editor
Everglades Memorial Hospital, Inc., the not-for-profit corporation that manages Everglades Regional Medical Center in Pahokee made a proposal to the Palm Beach Health Care District this week to purchase both Glades General in Belle Glade and ERMHC in Pahokee. Cecil Bennett, executive director for the HCD, said three proposals were received by the Aug. 26 deadline. Also bidding were Tenet, the corporation which owns West Boca, Delray Community and Palm Beach Gardens hospitals; and Intercoastal Health Systems, which operates Good Samaritan and St. Mary's hospitals. Intercoastal offered a management contract, but did not offer to buy or lease either facility. EMH Chairman of the Board Edwin A. Jones, Jr., says Everglades Regional Medical Center's main goal is to insure that vital hospital services, including emergency services, will continue at both Belle Glade and Pahokee.

In their proposal, EMH made two offers - to purchase both hospitals for \$500,000 at the closing of the sale and a payment of \$200,000 one year later. They

also agree to assume \$3.2 million in debts and, for 21 years, provide free indigent care at \$1 million a year.

Their alternate proposal is to purchase just GGH for \$250,000 cash and \$500,000 a year in free health care for indigents for 21 years.

In addition, EMH, Inc.'s board will agree to drop all lawsuits against the Health Care District. Both Everglades and the HCD have spent millions of dollars in litigation.

"If the district accepts our proposal, the Glades will continue to have the health care security only a local full service acute care hospital can provide, and have it continue to be managed by Glades people," said Mr. Jones. "We believe, on the basis of our experience, that this is the only way the controversy can come to an end, that local hospital care can continue and improve, and local health care jobs can be protected," he added.

EMH Board Member Ted Gallo said Pahokee's hospital would pay for the purchases through hospital profits. He said last year's earnings from operations were up 38 percent over the previous year, and that was without HCD subsidies. The district stopped the subsidies for ERMHC

earlier this year.

"Our local, independent not-for-profit corporation, which is by far the Glades area's most experienced hospital operator, is dedicated to continuing local acute care hospital services," said Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones said immediate consolidation of unnecessary duplicated hospital services could be expected if the district approves the Everglades offer, but he did not foresee that local employment at the two facilities would be adversely impacted. The two hospitals together employ more than 600 people.

"We can't afford to lose any local jobs, and we certainly can't afford to see our hospital services diminished. Our offer protects our area from both these two possibilities," he said.

County pays to demolish old elementary building which was to be Hurston Museum

By Brenda Bunting
Editor
An historical building which was to be used as a local museum was torn down last week. The old Belle Glade Elementary school building, built just after the 1928 hurricane, was donated to the Zora Neale Hurston Roof Garden Museum to be used as a museum for black history materials in honor of literary author Zora Neale Hurston. The Palm Beach County School Board donated the building to the Hurston Museum and paid the Museum \$20,000 toward the cost of moving it to Glades Pioneer Park on SR 715 in 1994. US Sugar Corp. also donated a substantial amount toward the move.

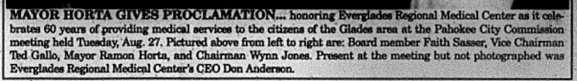
On Nov. 16, 1993, the Board of

County Commissioners approved a 10-year lease with the museum for two acres at the park and the building was moved.

In early 1994, the county commission approved funding in the amount of \$30,344 to demuck the site and in early 1995, the board approved another \$30,000 to renovate the building.

The museums' lease with the county required that liability insurance be provided by the museum and a Certificate of Occupancy be obtained by Nov. 15, 1995, but the museum did not comply.

The museum's Executive Director, Cartheda (Konchella) Mann had hoped to be able to raise the additional funding to renovate the building, but in a letter to the county in April,



MAYOR HORTA GIVES PROCLAMATION... honoring Everglades Regional Medical Center as it celebrates 60 years of providing medical services to the citizens of the Glades area at the Pahokee City Commission meeting held Tuesday, Aug. 27. Pictured above from left to right are: Board member Faith Sasser, Vice Chairman Ted Gallo, Mayor Ramon Horta, and Chairman Wynne Jones. Present at the meeting but not photographed was Everglades Regional Medical Center's CEO Don Anderson.

1996, George White, Chairman of the Board, said the Hurston Museum was unable to raise the necessary funds to complete the building improvements. He asked the county to pay for the renovations, but the cost would have been over \$300,000. The county's Internal Auditor, Fred W. Jenkins, said it was the auditing department's recommendation that since the Hurston Museum building was unsafe and constituted a liability to the county that it be demolished.

Man convicted of robbery, attempted murder for Pizza Express holdup and shooting

It took jurors 4 1/2 hours, but they came back with a guilty verdict in the robbery and attempted murder of two people at the Pizza Express in November of 1995.

Antoine Perkins of Belle Glade could do up to 31 years for armed robbery and attempted murder after he robbed and shot owner Tom Wheeler and employee Emma Ramirez at Pizza Express on Canal Street in Belle Glade. Jurors may have had a harder time making the decision since Antoine is a twin. Defense

attorney Ronald Jones used that fact to put doubt in the minds of the jurors that Antoine was involved, saying it could have been his twin brother.

Mr. Wheeler was in critical condition after the shooting and was in life support for 62 days. He lost his business as a result of his injuries and the astronomical medical bills. Both Wheeler and Ramirez still have bullets lodged in their bodies. Another suspect, Alvin Green of Clewiston, was also charged in the robbery. His case will go to trial at a later date.



PAHOKEE IS A FLORIDA MAIN STREET... a meeting was held at the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce to put up the Florida Main Street sign which was presented to the City by State Representative Bob Tracott on Thursday, Aug. 22. Pictured above are Dot Vandandingham, Jennie Sears, Vicki Silver, JoAnn Lew, Emily O'Mahoney, Hilda Edmondson, Bob Tracott, Shirley Ingram, Elizabeth Hernandez, Ginnie Martin, Ladora Miller, Flavie Todd, Diane Walker, and Amy Schenck. (front) Kay Dyess, Alice Thompson, and Pahokee City Manager Kym Schenck, who were all present to show their dedication and support to this cause.

What's the deal?

Offer • EMH, Inc., the not-for-profit governing board at ERMHC is offering to purchase both hospitals from the Palm Beach County Health Care District.

Cost • The board's first request is to purchase both Glades hospitals for \$25 million. Their second alternative is to purchase GGH only for \$250,000 and \$500,000 a year in free health care for indigents for 21 years.

Funding • EMH board says they will use the profits from the hospitals to make the payments to the HCD.

Why buy • ERMHC says they want to see that vital hospital services, including emergency services, will continue in both Belle Glade and Pahokee.

What about the lawsuits • ERMHC says if their proposal is accepted, they will drop all lawsuits against the Health Care District.

Who else is bidding • Tenet, a national chain based in California. Intercoastal Health Systems, a corporation which operates Good Samaritan and St. Mary's Hospitals, is offering to manage the hospitals.

Everglades Regional Hospital celebrates 60 years of service

Everglades Regional Medical Center celebrates 60 years of providing medical services to the citizens of the area on September 4. This event was marked by a proclamation from Mayor Ramon Horta during the Pahokee City Commission meeting Tuesday night. The mayor said, "I am pleased to be presenting this proclamation to the hospital has a long tenure of service to the people of our entire area, not just Pahokee."

private not-for-profit corporation. From its beginning until February 1949, the hospital remained at its original site on South Lake Avenue. It was then moved to a newly constructed facility located at 1749 East Main Street. It remained at this site for 16 years.

The present hospital, located at 200 South Barfield Highway, was officially opened for the communities use on September 12, 1965. This facility has continued to evolve to meet the communities health care needs.

Everglades Regional Medical Center (then, Everglades Memorial Hospital), the oldest hospital in Western Palm Beach County, was born in the depression year of 1936. On August 6 of that year, a group of citizens from the entire Glades area met for the purpose of discussing the need for a hospital facility. They moved forward immediately, and on September 4, 1936, Everglades Memorial Hospital, Inc., a for-profit corporation, was founded.

In May 1985, the hospital completed a \$4,000,000 expansion program. This created a new obstetrical wing, and a newly remodeled pediatric wing. In March 1990 an expansion program was put in place. This included a new intensive care unit, and a new emergency department. In conjunction with the hospital facility, a professional center for doctor's offices was built on a vacant lot next to the hospital.

The "Lake Hotel" located at 206 South Lake Avenue was leased from Mrs. Estelle Wooten and the first hospital was opened in the converted hotel.

In November 1993 Everglades continued its effort to provide professional medical care to the communities by opening the Family Care Center at 125 North Main Street in Belle Glade. This facility provided physician's office care to the area. It has been recently expanded to include a separate pediatric floor.

In 1939, the hospital was changed from a for-profit corporation to a public hospital district. This district covered Western Palm Beach County and assumed the operation of Everglades Memorial Hospital. In 1949, a separate district was formed to cover Southwestern Palm Beach County.

"In looking back on its last 60 years of providing service to the area, we look forward to helping and healing people of the Glades for many more years," said Hospital CEO Don Anderson.

Health first

By Paula Stanford, R.N.

This poem was written by a woman who died in the geriatric ward of Ashland Hospital near Duned, England. It was found among her possessions and so impressed the staff that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital. I used this poem for 12 years as part of my classroom instruction in the CNA program, and I want to share it with all of you.

Hopefully this will cause you to take a second look; maybe even at yourselves in 30 years or so, and realize that inside that old shell lies a person whose life may have been rich and full, and meaningful and productive once upon a time.

What do you see, nurse, what do you see?
Are you thinking when you look at me—



a crabbed old woman not very wise,
uncertain of habit with far away eyes.
Who dribbles her food and makes no reply.
When you say in a loud voice—"I do wish you'd try."
Who seems not to notice the things that you do
And forever is losing a stocking or shoes,
Who resisting or not lets you do as you will

With bathing and feeding, the long day to fill.
Is that what you're thinking, is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse, you're not looking at me.

I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still.
As I move at your bidding, eat at your will.

I'm a small child of ten with a father and mother, Brothers and sisters who love one another,
A young girl of sixteen with wings on her feet,
Dreaming that soon a love she'll meet.

A bride at twenty, my heart gives a leap,
Remembering the vows that I promised to keep;
At twenty-five now I have young of my own
Who need me to build a secure, happy home.
A woman of thirty, my young now grow fast,
Bound together with ties that should last.

At forty, my young sons have grown up and gone,
But my man's beside me to see I don't mourn.
At fifty once more babies

play round my knee—
Again we know children, my loved one and me.
Darks days are upon me, my husband is dead.

I look at the future, I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing young of their own.
And I think of the years and the love that I've known.

I'm an old woman now and nature is cruel.
"Tis her jest to make old age look like a fool.
The body it crumbles, grace and vigor depart.

There is a stone where I once had a heart.
But inside this old carcass a young girl still dwells.
And now again my bitter hearted she wails.

I remember the joys, I remember the pain.
And I'm loving and living life over again.
I think of the years, all too few, gone too fast,
And accept the stark fact that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, nurse, open and see
Not a crabbed old woman, Look closer—see me.

Work is of two kinds: first, altering the position of matter at or near the earth's surface relative to other matter; second, telling other people to do so.

—Bertrand Russell.

The ocean and long-term weather prediction

By Mike Lyons

It is one of the standard practices in meteorology. If you want to predict tomorrow's weather, you need to know what the weather is doing today. Today's big snowstorm in Kansas is likely to be a Missouri's big snowstorm tomorrow.

Meteorologists study the atmosphere. An examination of the temperature, the moisture content, the wind speed and the direction of the air is necessary to predict tomorrow's weather.

Now, two scientists are suggesting that meteorologists should also study the ocean to forecast tomorrow's weather pattern. Donald Hansen of the University of Miami and Dr. William Gray of Colorado State University think the ocean may hold the secret to long-term weather predictions.

"Long-term variations in the climate are influenced very strongly not just by the atmosphere but by the temperature structure in the ocean," said Mr. Hansen.

Mr. Hansen may have discovered the key to long-term climate change when he found huge blobs of warm and cool water slowly roaming around the North Atlantic. The patches are immense," he said. "Some are 600 miles across."

Mr. Hansen says these blobs of water—one or two degrees

warmer or colder than the surrounding water—follow general ocean current patterns. Mr. Hansen doesn't know why the blobs form but he believes there is a relationship between the blobs and the weather. One warm blob coincided with drought in Scandinavia in the 1850's.

Dr. Gray, the hurricane forecaster, may have discovered the same blobs but he has given the ocean pattern a different name: the global climate conveyor belt. Dr. Gray's conveyor belt generally follows the path of the Gulf Stream, rotating clockwise in a huge circle around the Atlantic.

Dr. Gray believes the key to predicting long-term climate change, particularly hurricane forecasting, is the speed of the conveyor belt. "A slow conveyor belt results in fewer hurricanes," says Dr. Gray.

The conveyor belt has been slow since the mid 1960's but Dr. Gray thinks the belt may be speeding up. If true, it could mean more hurricanes in the coming years.

Dr. Gray has found three signs suggesting a change in the speed of the conveyor belt. First, last year's severe winter up north. "A faster ocean current is more likely to react with the atmosphere producing drastic changes in the weather," he said.

Second, air pressure in the northern Atlantic. "The pressure seems to be dropping," Dr. Gray said. "If that bears out it creates a better environment for hurricane development."

Third, sea-water temperature. "The temperature is increasing. That's another key to increased hurricane activity and another sign that the conveyor belt is speeding up," he said.

Hansen's "blobs" and Gray's "conveyor belt" are not that much different from the Pacific Ocean's El Niño.

That's the same for the unusual phenomena that warms the equatorial Pacific from time to time.

Scientists have known the El Niño has a dramatic effect on the world's weather. Now, another ocean with another unusual pattern may help scientists predict not only tomorrow's weather but next year's, too.

Mike Lyons is the weatherman for WFTS, Channel 28.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF PALM BEACH WATER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the order of the Board of Supervisors of PALM BEACH WATER COOPERATIVE DISTRICT, the annual meeting will be held at the office of said District, at 1000 S.W. 1st Street, Palm Beach, Florida, on Monday, September 16, 1996, at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes set forth below.

1. To elect one Supervisor for a term of three years, to-wit: the term ending on September 15, 1999, to replace the term ending on the last day of the year 1996.

2. To transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

It is further directed that the duties of the Board of Supervisors shall be performed by the Board of Supervisors at the meeting herein referred to, or by the Board of Supervisors at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors, which shall be held on the 15th day of September, 1996, at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

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NOTICE FOR PROPOSALS

FLORIDA SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Palmetto is soliciting proposals and/or letters of interest for the purpose of providing grants to small businesses in the Palmetto area. The City of Palmetto is a member of the Florida Small Business Development Bank in the area of Palmetto, and is currently soliciting proposals for grants to small businesses in the Palmetto area. The City of Palmetto is a member of the Florida Small Business Development Bank in the area of Palmetto, and is currently soliciting proposals for grants to small businesses in the Palmetto area.

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PUBLIC NOTICE 1996 GENERAL CITY ELECTION TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA

Waiting time will be reduced if you bring your voter identification card, driver's license, or some form of identification bearing your signature to the polls at the Fire Station, 525 S.W. Second Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Election Day - Tuesday, September 10, 1996. However, all registered voters will be permitted to vote even if they forget to bring identification.

Only those qualified registered voters living within the corporate limits of the City of Belle Glade may vote in the September 10, 1996 General Election.

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STEP 4
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STEP 5
After voting, remove the ballot card from the slot. Then fold the flap down over the top of the ballot card to keep it secret.

NOTE: If you make a mistake when you punch a ballot card, do not punch again.

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The polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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There are aspirin tablets, such as Halprin, available in specific low dosage amounts for those wishing to undertake an aspirin regimen. Your doctor can determine what dosage is correct for your needs. For more information on aspirin therapy, you can call the makers of Halprin at 1-800-824-4894.

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OPINION PAGE

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What happened?

"My wife and I were driving by Pioneer Park and noticed that the old Belle Glade Elementary School building is gone.

I understood the Zora Neal Hurston Roof Garden Museum received a lot of money from various donors to move and restore the building. What's going on?

Editor's note: The building was demolished and removed recently at a cost of just under \$20,000. See related story, Page 1.

New video store is open

"I'm so glad that the Movie Gallery is open. After inquiring at the video store while I was there the other day they informed me that not only do they not sell adult videos here in Belle Glade, they do not sell them anywhere else in the United States. They also said they are intending to bring in some Christian videos.

I think that's great for our community that we have a place to buy from that has good ethics."



"I DON'T NEED AN EXTENDED WARRANTY ON MY APPLIANCES... THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THAT DOESN'T WORK AROUND HERE."

Effort thought to be the key to success in some homes

By Cathy Keen
University of Florida News

Poor black mothers who do not have an advanced education are not deterred from encouraging their children to succeed in mathematics, a new University of Florida study finds.

"We would suspect these mothers would not be positive about education because they didn't finish school," said Ken Cyrus, who did the research for his doctoral dissertation in educational psychology. "But we find they give a very strong motivational lesson to their children by stressing the importance of effort because effort is something that can be controlled."

Since many poor black children come from homes where the mother is the only parent, mothers' attitudes about school are valuable to education, he said.

Cyrus believes the results of the study can help elementary mathematics teachers with disadvantaged black students in their classrooms. Teachers can incorporate into their lesson plans the message that effort is necessary for success, an idea consistent with the beliefs of students and their parents, he said.

"With all the recent discussion of welfare reform, succeeding in school will become imperative for these kids," he said. "It's going to be mandatory that they get more out of their studies in order to be able to compete in the outside world."

For the study, Cyrus visited several Gainesville public housing areas and asked 100 children and their mothers to rate five qualities in the order they believed were necessary to succeed in mathematics. The children were all

in the 6th, 7th or 8th grades. Using chips and cards, both groups selected effort as being more important than ability, luck, training at school, and training at home.

In contrast, some studies have found middle-class white mothers and their children consider ability to be paramount to success in the field, he said.

"Black mothers' attitude is that with a certain amount of effort, you can overcome anything," Cyrus said. "What they're really saying is, 'Don't give up. With hard work you can achieve part of the American dream.' Probably this belief in perseverance developed in response to the tremendous obstacles African Americans have faced, from slavery to sharecropping to modern-day adversities. And I think mothers are passing this on to their kids."

The study did not examine why young blacks often do not perform better in school. But African American mothers' beliefs about education certainly do not set their children back as some people might expect, he said.

Performing well in mathematics is increasingly important in today's society with the advent of the Information Age, Cyrus said. Many lower-class blacks can no longer rely on the Agrarian and Industrial Age jobs they held in the past, he said.

Next, Cyrus said he hopes to study why many poor blacks today do not get as much out of education as they did in the past.

"Leaders like the 19th century educator Booker T. Washington believed in education, self-help and no welfare," he said. "What happened to that ethic?"

Kids are going back to school...Let's show them we really care about their education

By Richard W. Riley

U.S. Secretary of Education

Now that kids are going back to school, it's a good time to ask: Where do you have to live to find good schools?

Do you have to live in a wealthy suburb? Do you have to head for the big cities? Should you go to a university town?

The answer is: Good schools can be found anywhere in America. You can find them in the inner-city, the suburbs, and in rural towns. That's what *Money* magazine discovered when it went looking for America's 100 best school districts. The results of the search can be found in the January 1996 issue of the magazine, and it's an article that every parent, educator, and citizen who cares about education should read.

"Money isn't everything," declared *Money*. The districts that made the list enjoyed widespread community support and a high degree of parental involvement, and many were in areas where the average home cost less than the U.S. median.

The fact that good schools can be found anywhere - so long as parents and communities are willing to work for them - is good news for every citizen. We all have a stake in quality education, even those of us who don't have children in school. Strong schools build strong communities, and we all want that.

Because parental and community involvement are so important to education, the U.S. Department of Education and the national Partnership for Family Involvement in Education are launching an important initiative to coincide with back-to-school time.

It's called "America Goes Back to School Get Involved!" This is the second year for this initiative, and I would like to invite other neighborhood groups or organizations. You can make a big difference, too. Work with the schools to

offer after-school and summer enrichment programs and homework centers. Become tutors of mentors. Help with adult literacy efforts. Establish computer labs in neighborhood centers. Create safe corridors for children going to school and encourage your local paper to report positive stories about young people.

Schools: Schools can't do the job alone these days, and teachers and principals should reach out and make parents and community members their partners. Educators can use the phone, newsletters, home visits, and E-mail to keep parents informed and part of the education team. They can take advantage of community learning resources.

They can meet with parents at the beginning of the school year to agree on goals and responsibilities. Most important, they can make parents feel welcome in the school and include them in decision-making.

Southern Illinois University President Ted Sanders has summed it all up best: "If schools are operating at maximum efficiency, they are responsible for about 40 to 50 percent of what a child learns."

The other 50 to 60 percent of learning comes from the family and the community."

President Sanders is one of the four co-chairs of "America Goes Back to School: Get Involved!" The others are Tipper Gore, the wife of Vice President Al Gore; Joan Dykstra, the president of the national PTA; and Bo Jackson, the actor, businessman, and 1985 Heisman Trophy winner for his great accomplishments in college football.

We're proud to have them. We're also proud to have the many thousands of citizens who have already joined us. And we'll be proud to have you, too, and everyone in your community. Join us and help build a better future for our students, our families, and for all of America.

Guest Commentary

By Rick Perry

Texas Agriculture Commissioner

The average American family spends 10 percent of its disposable income on food, less than any other country in the world. For a family of four in the United States, grocery bills average about \$79 a week. This plentiful, economical food supply has improved Americans' health and helped to increase our life span by more than 20 years since the early 1900s. U.S. residents could only expect to live some 50 years at the turn of the century. Today we are living into our late seventies and longer.

This increased life expectancy can be attributed to good nutrition, as well as improved medical care. Agricultural chemicals have played an important role in helping improve the nutritional health of all Americans. The National Academy of Sciences credits public health improvements in part to pesticides, which provide more abundant harvests and make fruits and vegetables available at reasonable prices year-round.

So, why do ag chemicals and their applicators get blamed here on them for endangering the health of millions of consumers - especially when government scientists, other researchers and many medical experts have concluded the risk of contracting cancer from pesticide residues on food appears negligible?

A 1994 Food Marketing Institute survey consumer study found that 70 percent of shoppers felt confident in the safety of the U.S. food supply. Seventy-two percent, however, believed pesticides were "a very serious health hazard." Their feelings differed significantly from those of the American Medical Association, which reported "no scientific evidence linking safe pesticide use and adverse health in humans."

This gap between the public's perception and the scientific community's findings can be traced to different ways of drawing conclusions. Scientists determine risk probabilities from quantitative research. Consumers, on the other

hand, usually base their judgments on reports written by people who frequently have no scientific background. According to the International Food Information Council review on Pesticides and Food Safety, "...information received from the media about pesticides may be inaccurate, confusing or incomplete. Many journalists lack sufficient understanding of agriculture or scientific methods to critically analyze news reports."

What's more, cancer risks "seldom put into perspective," the review states. Evidence that pesticide use carries a major disease risk is related to animal studies in which laboratory animals - particularly mice and rats - are fed high doses of chemicals over a lifetime.

Food safety is an emotional issue that can be manipulated to frighten consumers into seeing danger in every bite. Everyone remembers the Alar scare, which convinced shoppers that the growth regulators used on apples presented a potent cancer risk. Apple sales dropped dramatically, and Alar was withdrawn voluntarily from the market, yet when the EPA conducted further testing, it found that health risks reportedly linked to Alar had been blown way out of proportion.

Because people often fear what they don't know, it is easy to understand how consumers can panic over reports of pesticides poisoning their dinner. In our urban society, a mere two percent of the population produces the country's crops and livestock. Many of the remaining 98 percent are not familiar with farming and do not fully appreciate the multiple pest, weed and insect pressures that can devastate entire crops," says the IFIC review.

They are also unaware the pesticides start breaking down soon after they are applied to crops. By the time crops leave the farm, most pesticide residues have already dropped below tolerance. They decrease again during processing. Any that remain on fresh produce drop further during washing and peeling in consumers' homes.

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Belle Glade Police Department Arrest Blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 501 complaints and 28 crime scenes the week of August 19-25. Those arrested included:

August 19 - Archie Malone, 21, domestic battery; Tara Frost, 18, retail theft; Angela Jackson, 29, aggravated domestic battery and battery on a law enforcement officer.

August 20 - Tabitha Atkins, 21, retail theft; James Thomas, 42, felony retail theft and retail theft; Khaliah Brown, 19, two counts of aggravated domestic battery.

August 21 - John Jordan, 29, burglary of an occupied dwelling, burglary, two counts of petty theft; Juvenile, 15,

strong arm robbery and petty theft; Cathy Day, 38, possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Claude Brown, 36, possession of cocaine with intent to sell and possession of cocaine; Jimmy Singleton, 19, petty theft.

August 22 - Edward Rivers, sexual battery with a weapon; Dorothy Patterson, 32, retail theft; Sharon Davis, 21, retail theft; Matthew Thomas, 20, failure to appear; Jeffrey Griffin, 24, attempted first degree murder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; Juvenile, 16, affray; Clarence Coney, 40, burglary.

August 23 - Refugio Lopez, 35, contempt of court; Tequesta Harris, 18, retail

theft.

August 24 - Joseph Chery, 30, failure to comply with order.

August 25 - Timothy Simmons, 19, contempt of court; Jack Bunting, 21, aggravated domestic assault with a deadly weapon; Shella Greenaway, 25, aggravated domestic assault with a deadly weapon.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

Celebration in honor of Alice Rigdon

Friends of Alice Rigdon, long-time resident of Belle Glade, are honoring her with a party on her 70th birthday.

The party will be Saturday, Sept. 7 in the parlor at the First Baptist Church, Belle Glade.

Mrs. Rigdon is a retired nurse from Glades General Hospital. She is active in the Pink Ladies Auxiliary at the hospital, a member of the Garden Club and the First Baptist Church.

Friends of Mrs. Rigdon are invited to participate in the celebration by attending. Your attendance is the only gift she will desire.

New Social Security beneficiaries will be paid by direct deposit

New applicants for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) will have their monthly benefit payment deposited directly into their bank account, according to Nita Courtney, manager of the Belle Glade Social Security office.

"Beginning August 1, 1996, people who apply for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income will have the convenience of direct deposit," Mrs. Courtney said. "That policy will also apply to people who receive any federal benefit payment, federal wage, salary or retirement payment, or vendor and expense reimbursement payment. So, when you come to apply for benefits, be sure to have your bank information with you - documents that show your financial institution and your account, such as a personal check, savings passbook, or an account statement," Mrs. Courtney said.

People already on the Social Security and SSI rolls who get checks will continue to be paid by check, unless they would want to change to direct deposit. Also, new beneficiaries who don't have a bank account will be paid by check.

"With direct deposit, your money is available the same day you would have received a check. The difference is your money is sent directly to your bank. Mrs. Courtney cited the following advantages to direct deposit:

• It's safer - there is no risk of theft or loss through the mail.

• It's reliable - there is an electronic record of all payments.

• It's economical - payments are credited on the scheduled payment day. A number of financial institutions have special accounts for those who use direct deposit.

• It's convenient - no worries when you are vacationing or otherwise away from home.

About 61 percent of the 43 million people who get Social Security already receive their payment by direct deposit. It costs 42 cents to process and mail each check, compared to two cents for direct deposit.

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kitchens.

Few Americans realize it takes years of testing, as many as 140 different studies and costs of up to \$70 million shouldered by the manufacturer before the EPA registers a pesticide. Additional public health safeguards are built into registering a product. For example, the EPA scrutinizes each new chemical's potential to cause cancer, reproductive problems, birth defects and other health disorders. The agency also estimates likely dietary exposure to certain chemicals on 22 population groups.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration provides further protection by checking for pesticide residues on food samples. Of 12,751 samples analyzed in 1993, the FDA found no residues on 64 percent of domestic samples and 60 percent of imports. Nearly all the rest had residues that fell within tolerance. Less than 1 percent of all residues detected exceeded tolerance.

When you consider that pesticide residues in food and water are measured in parts per million, per billion and per trillion, the threat of ingesting a hazardous quantity grows even dimmer.

One part per million is the equivalent of a single pancake in a four mile stack. One part per trillion is infinitely smaller - equal to one second in 32,000 years.

Natural toxins capable of causing cancer can be found almost everywhere. Bruce Ames, university of California molecular biology and biochemistry professor, calls them "nature's pesticides," present in such common foods as lettuce, peanut butter and spinach.

According to the IFIC, U.S. consumers ingest 10,000 times more natural pesticides than chemical residues.

Putting pesticide use into perspective should be the goal of everyone in the ag chemical industry.

Pesticides have given the United States the abundant harvests that make our country the envy of the world.

Consumers need to understand that pesticides when applied safely present negligible food safety risks and offer major benefits to their health.

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OPINION PAGE

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What happened?

"My wife and I were driving by Pioneer Park and noticed that the old Belle Glade Elementary School building is gone.

I understood the Zora Neal Hurston Roof Garden Museum received a lot of money from various donors to move and restore the building. What's going on?

Editor's note: The building was demolished and removed recently at a cost of just under \$20,000. See related story, Page 1.

New video store is open

"I'm so glad that the Movie Gallery is open. After inquiring at the video store while I was there the other day they informed me that not only do they not sell adult videos here in Belle Glade, they do not sell them anywhere else in the United States. They also said they are intending to bring in some Christian videos.

I think that's great for our community that we have a place to buy from that has good ethics."

Guest Commentary

By Rick Perry

Texas Agriculture Commissioner

The average American family spends 10 percent of its disposable income on food, less than any other country in the world. For a family of four in the United States, grocery bills average about \$79 a week. This plentiful, economical food supply has improved Americans' health and helped to increase our life span by more than 20 years since the early 1900s. U.S. residents could only expect to live some 50 years at the turn of the century. Today we are living into our late seventies and longer.

This increased life expectancy can be attributed to good nutrition, as well as improved medical care. Agricultural chemicals have played an important role in helping improve the nutritional health of all Americans. The National Academy of Sciences credits public health improvements in part to pesticides, which provide more abundant harvests and make fruits and vegetables available at reasonable prices year-round.

So, why do ag chemicals and their applicators get blame heaped on them for endangering the health of millions of consumers - especially when government scientists, other researchers and many medical experts have concluded the risk of contracting cancer from pesticide residues on food appears negligible?

A 1994 Food Marketing Institute Survey consumer study found that 70 percent of shoppers felt confident in the safety of the U.S. food supply. Seventy-two percent, however, believed pesticides were "a very serious health hazard." Their feelings differed significantly from those of the American Medical Association, which reported "no scientific evidence linking safe pesticide use and adverse health in humans."

This gap between the public's perception and the scientific community's findings can be traced to different ways of drawing conclusions. Scientists determine risk probabilities from quantitative research. Consumers, on the other

hand, usually base their judgments on reports written by people who frequently have no scientific background. According to the International Food Information Council review on Pesticides and Food Safety, "...information received from the media about pesticides may be inaccurate, confusing or incomplete. Many journalists lack sufficient understanding of agriculture or scientific methods to critically analyze new reports."

What's more, cancer risks "seldom put into perspective," the review states. Evidence that pesticide use carries a major disease risk is related to animal studies in which laboratory animals - particularly mice and rats - are fed high doses of chemicals over a lifetime.

Food safety is an emotional issue that can be manipulated to frighten consumers into seeing danger in every bite. Everyone remembers the Alar scare, which convinced shoppers that the growth regulators used on apples presented a potent cancer risk. Apple sales dropped dramatically, and Alar was withdrawn voluntarily from the market. Yet when the EPA conducted further testing, it found that health risks reportedly linked to Alar had been blown way out of proportion.

Because people often fear what they don't know, it is easy to understand how consumers can panic over reports of pesticides poisoning their dinner. In our urban society, a mere two percent of the population produces the country's crops and livestock. Many of the remaining 98 percent "are not familiar with farming and do not fully appreciate the multiple pest, weed and insect pressures that can devastate entire crops," says the IFIC review.

They are also unaware the pesticides start breaking down soon after they are applied to crops. By the time crops leave the farm, most pesticide residues have already dropped below tolerance. They decrease again during processing. Any that remain on fresh produce drop further during washing and peeling in consumers' hands.

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"I DON'T NEED AN EXTENDED WARRANTY ON MY APPLIANCES... THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THAT DOESN'T WORK AROUND HERE."

Effort thought to be the key to success in some homes

By Cathy Keen

University of Florida News

Poor black mothers who do not have an advanced education are not deterred from encouraging their children to succeed in mathematics, a new University of Florida study finds.

"We would suspect these mothers would not be positive about education because they didn't finish school," said Ken Cyrus, who did the research for his doctoral dissertation in educational psychology. "But we find they give a very strong motivational lesson to their children by stressing the importance of effort because effort is something that can be controlled."

Since many poor black children come from homes where the mother is the only parent, mothers' attitudes about school are valuable to education, he said.

Cyrus believes the results of the study can help elementary mathematics teachers with disadvantaged black students in their classrooms. Teachers can incorporate into their lesson plans the message that effort is necessary for success, an idea consistent with the beliefs of students and their parents, he said.

"With all the recent discussion of welfare reform, succeeding in school will become imperative for these kids," he said. "It's going to be mandatory that they get more out of their studies in order to be able to compete in the outside world."

For the study, Cyrus visited several Gainesville public housing areas and asked 100 children and their mothers to rate five qualities in the order they believed were necessary to succeed in mathematics. The children were all

in the 6th, 7th or 8th grades. Using chips and cards, both groups selected effort as being more important than ability, luck, training at school, and training at home.

In contrast, some studies have found middle-class white mothers and their children consider ability to be paramount to success in the field, he said.

"Black mothers' attitude is that with a certain amount of effort, you can overcome anything," Cyrus said. "What they're really saying is, 'Don't give up. With hard work you can achieve part of the American dream.' Probably this belief in perseverance developed in response to the tremendous obstacles African Americans have faced, from slavery to sharecropping to modern-day adversities. And I think mothers are passing this on their kids."

The study did not examine why young blacks often do not perform better in school. But African American mothers' beliefs about education certainly do not set their children back as some people might expect, he said.

Performing well in mathematics is increasingly important in today's society with the advent of the Information Age, Cyrus said. Many lower-class blacks can no longer rely on the Agricultural and Industrial Age jobs they held in the past, he said.

Next, Cyrus said he hopes to study why many poor blacks today do not get as much of education as they did in the past.

"Leaders like the 19th century educator Booker T. Washington believed in education, self-help and no welfare," he said. "What happened to that ethic?"

Kids are going back to school...Let's show them we really care about their education

By Richard W. Riley

U.S. Secretary of Education

Now that kids are going back to school, it's a good time to ask: Where do you have to live to find good schools?

Do you have to live in a wealthy suburb? Do you have to head for the big cities? Should you go to a university town?

The answer is: Good schools can be found anywhere in America. You can find them in the inner-city, the suburbs, and in rural towns. That's what *Money* magazine discovered when it went looking for America's 100 best school districts. The results of the search can be found in the January 1996 issue of the magazine, and it's an article that every parent, educator, and citizen who cares about education should read.

"Money isn't everything," declared *Money*. The districts that made the list enjoyed widespread community support and a high degree of parental involvement, and many were in areas where the average home cost less than the U.S. median.

The fact that good schools can be found anywhere - so long as parents and communities are willing to work for them - is good news for every citizen. We all have a stake in quality education, even those of us who don't have children in school. Strong schools build strong communities, and we all want that.

Because parental and community involvement are so important to education, the U.S. Department of Education and the national Partnership for Family Involvement in Education are launching an important initiative to coincide with back-to-school time.

It's called "America Goes Back to School Get Involved!" This is the second year for this initiative, and I would like to invite other neighborhood groups or organizations. You can make a big difference, too. Work with the schools to

offer after-school and summer enrichment programs and homework centers. Become tutors or mentors. Help with adult literacy efforts. Establish computer labs in neighborhood centers. Create safe corridors for children going to school, and encourage your local paper to report positive stories about young people.

Schools: Schools can't do the job alone these days, and teachers and principals should reach out and make parents and community members their partners. Educators can use the phone, newsletters, home visits, and E-mail to keep parents informed and part of the education team. They can take advantage of community learning resources.

They can meet with parents at the beginning of the school year to agree on goals and responsibilities. Most important, they can make parents feel welcome in the school and include them in decision-making.

Southern Illinois University President Ted Sanders has summed it all up best: "If schools are operating at maximum efficiency, they are responsible for about 40 to 50 percent of what a child learns."

The other 50 to 60 percent of learning comes from the family and the community."

President Sanders is one of the four co-chairs of "America Goes Back to School: Get Involved!" The others are Tipper Gore, the wife of Vice President Al Gore; Joan Dykstra, the president of the national PTA; and Bo Jackson, the actor, businessman, and 1985 Heisman Trophy winner for his great accomplishments in college football.

We're proud to have them. We're also proud to have the many thousands of citizens who have already joined us. And we'll be proud to have you, too, and everyone in your community. Join us and help build a better future for our students, our families, and for all of America.

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Belle Glade Police Department Arrest Blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 501 complaints and 26 crime scenes the week of August 19-25. Those arrested included:

August 19 - Archie Malone, 21, domestic battery; Tara Frost, 18, retail theft; Angela Jackson, 29, aggravated domestic battery and battery on a law enforcement officer.

August 20 - Tabitha Atkins, 21, retail theft; James Thomas, 42, felony retail theft and retail theft; Khalilah Brown, 19, two counts of aggravated domestic battery.

August 21 - John Jordan, 29, burglary of an occupied dwelling, burglary, two counts of petty theft; Juvenile, 15,

strong arm robbery and petty theft; Cathy Day, 38, possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Claude Brown, 36, possession of cocaine with intent to sell and possession of cocaine; Jimmy Singleton, 19, petty theft.

August 22 - Edward Rivers, sexual battery with a weapon; Dorothy Patterson, 32, retail theft; Sharon Davis, 21, retail theft; Matthew Thomas, 20, failure to appear; Jeffrey Griffin, 24, attempted first degree murder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; Juvenile, 16, affray; Clarence Coney, 40, burglary.

August 23 - Refugio Lopez, 35, contempt of court; Tequesta Harris, 18, retail

theft.

August 24 - Joseph Chery, 30, failure to comply with order.

August 25 - Timothy Simmons, 19, contempt of court; Jack Bunting, 21, aggravated domestic assault with a deadly weapon; Shelia Greenaway, 25, aggravated domestic assault with a deadly weapon.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

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kitchens.

Few Americans realize it takes years of testing, as many as 140 different studies and costs of up to \$70 million shouldered by the manufacturer before the EPA registers a pesticide. Additional public health safeguards are built into registering a product. For example, the EPA scrutinizes each new chemical's potential to cause cancer, reproductive problems, birth defects and other health disorders. The agency also estimates likely dietary exposure to certain chemicals on 22 population groups.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration provides further protection by checking for pesticides on food samples. Of 12,751 samples ana-

lyzed in 1993, the FDA found no residues on 64 percent of domestic samples and 60 percent of imports. Nearly all the rest had residues that fell within tolerance. Less than 1 percent of all residues detected exceeded tolerance.

When you consider that pesticide residues in food and water are measured in parts per million, per billion and per trillion, the threat of ingesting a hazardous quantity grows even dimmer.

One part per million is the equivalent of a single pancake in a four mile stack. One part per trillion is infinitely smaller - equal to one second in 32,000 years.

Natural toxins capable of causing cancer can be found almost everywhere. Bruce

Ames, university of California molecular biology and biochemistry professor, calls them "nature's pesticides," present in such common foods as lettuce, peanut butter and spinach.

According to the IFIC, U.S. consumers ingest 10,000 times more natural pesticides than chemical residues.

Putting pesticide use into perspective should be the goal of everyone in the ag chemical industry.

Pesticides have given the United States the abundant harvests that make our country the envy of the world.

Consumers need to understand that pesticides when applied safely present negligible food safety risks and offer major benefits to their health.

Crimestoppers



Clarence Denard Adams

Crimestoppers Palm Beach County, Inc. is asking for your help in locating Clarence Denard Adams, AKA Boonie/Boomer.

Adams is wanted for violation of probation on charges of burglary of a dwelling and failure to appear on charges of

possession of cocaine with intent to sell. Adams is 6'1" tall and weighs 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and a scar above one eye. His last known address was 120 N.W. 9th Street, South Bay. His Social Security number is 266-63-0968 and his last known occupation was as a laborer. His birth date is listed as January

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at 3:00 pm.

Celebration in honor of Alice Rigdon

Friends of Alice Rigdon, long-time resident of Belle Glade, are honoring her with a party on her 70th birthday.

The party will be Saturday, Sept. 7 in the parlor at the First Baptist Church, Belle

Glade.

Mrs. Rigdon is a retired nurse from Glades General Hospital. She is active in the Pink Ladies Auxiliary at the hospital, a member of the Garden Club and the First Baptist

Church.

Friends of Mrs. Rigdon are invited to participate in the celebration by attending. Your attendance is the only gift she will desire.

New Social Security beneficiaries will be paid by direct deposit

New applicants for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) will have their monthly benefit payment deposited directly into their bank account, according to Nita Courtney, manager of the Belle Glade Social Security office.

"Beginning August 1, 1996, people who apply for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income will have the convenience of direct deposit," Mrs. Courtney said. "That policy will also apply to people who receive any federal benefit payment, federal wage, salary or retirement payment, or vendor and expense reimbursement payment. So, when you come to apply for benefits, be sure to have your bank infor-

mation with you - documents that show your financial institution and your account, such as a personal check, savings passbook, or an account statement," Mrs. Courtney said.

People already on the Social Security and SSI rolls who get checks will continue to be paid by check, unless they would want to change to direct deposit. Also, new beneficiaries who don't have a bank account will be paid by check.

"With direct deposit your money is available the same day you would have received a check. The difference is your money is sent directly to your bank. Mrs. Courtney cited the following advantages to direct deposit:

• It's safer - there is no risk

of theft or loss through the mail.

• It's reliable - there is an electronic record of all payments.

• It's economical - payments are credited on the scheduled payment day. A number of financial institutions have special accounts for those who use direct deposit.

• It's convenient - no worries when you are vacationing or otherwise away from home.

About 61 percent of the 43 million people who get Social Security already receive their payment by direct deposit. It costs 42 cents to process and mail each check, compared to two cents for direct deposit.

Service news

Naval Hospitalman Recruit Ronald W. Bryan, son of James W. and Debra A. Bryan of 125 N.W. Avenue K, Belle Glade, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 14-week course, Bryan learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist navy doctors and nurses. Bryan also received an introductory for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Bryan's newly acquired skills and knowledge will enable him to help provide quality health care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families.

Bryan's first assignment after school will involve direct patient care, but with his train-

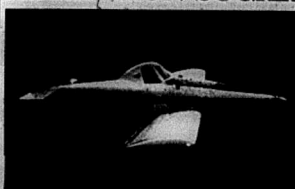
ing, Bryan can work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation, and food service inspections.

As a graduate of the Basic Hospital Corps School, Bryan demonstrated his tremendous ability to excel in a naval force of more than 400,000 men and women.

Whether assigned to ships, squadrons or shore commands around the world, men and women like Bryan are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

The 1995 graduate of Glades Central Community High School joined the Navy in October 1995. His wife, Meredith, is the daughter of Jerry R. and Patricia Hartwick, both of Belle Glade.

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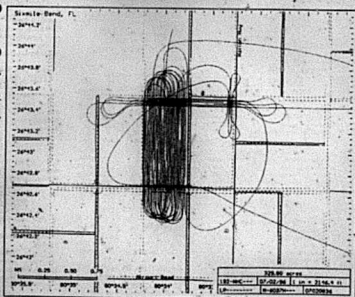
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Pahokee Police Department Arrest Blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made 4 arrests the week of Aug. 18-24. Those arrested or ticketed included:

August 16 - No arrests made.

August 19 - Ellis Hickman, 24, Pahokee, battery; Kenneth Hickman, 30, Pahokee, battery; Willie Johnson, 28, Pahokee, battery.

August 20 - No arrests made.

August 21 - No arrests made.

August 22 - No arrests made.

August 23 - No arrests made.

August 24 - Juvenile, 9, Pahokee, burglary, grand theft, trespassing and criminal mischief.



Obituaries

Bell
Rontavious Montane Bell, 11, was born Aug. 20, 1984 to Sonny Williams and Terry Bell and died Aug. 10, 1996. Rontavious attended Canal Point Elementary and Pahokee Elementary Schools and was a member of Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Pahokee,

where he sang in the choir.

Surviving are: mother and father - Terry Bell of Pahokee and Sonny Williams of Ft. Myers; siblings - Shawanda Bell, Antavious Bell, Antwan Smith, and Harnaeisha Smith, all of Pahokee; grandmother and great-grandmother - Mary James and Willie Mae Jackson;

paternal grandparents - Willie Bell of Runyon Village, Belle Glade, and Annie Rea Bell of Miami; eight aunts - Geraldine Bell, Annie K. Bell, and Eileen Bell, all of Belle Glade, Everlena Johnson, Keisha James, Tatia Boldin, and Carolyn Syddell, all of Pahokee; four uncles - Sammie L. Bell of Ft. Lauderdale,

Curtis Johnson of Auburn, N.Y., Leon Durham of Belle Glade, and Eddie D. Durham of Orlando; best friend - Nikita White of Pahokee; special friend and teacher - Coach Blaze Thompson and Tony "Snop" Hierrezuelo.

Funeral services were held Aug. 16, 1996 at the Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Pahokee, with Rev. Percy Bass, Pastor, and Rev. Larry White, Pastor of Church Missionary Baptist Church, Pahokee, officiating.

Taylor-Smith-West Funeral Home, Belle Glade, had charge of the arrangements.

Butler

Ervin Butler, Jr., 34, was born Jan. 10, 1962 to the late Ervin Butler, Sr., and Mildred Butler in Pahokee and died Aug. 14, 1996. Ervin attended East Lake Middle School and Pahokee Jr./Sr. High School. He was a member of the Class of 1980. Ervin attended Shiloh M.B. Church.

Surviving are: mother - Mildred Butler; three daughters - Ariel, Aerian and Arletta Butler; special friend - Tamara Harris; five sisters - Dora Edwards, Helen Barnes, Vivian Butler, Regina Butler, and Lorraine Fulton; three brothers - Bobby Lee Crooney, Robert Butler, and Larry Butler; three brothers-in-law - James Edwards, Loran Barnes, and Cleo Fulton; two sisters-in-

law - Catherine Crooney and Patricia Butler; six aunts - Marie Butler, Dorothy Butler, Edith Mae Carter, Sadie Butler, Bethel Wallace, and Annie Butler; uncle, Bobby Butler; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 24, 1996 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Pahokee, with Rev. P.L. Bass, Pastor, and Rev. Larry White, Pastor of Church Missionary Baptist Church, Pahokee, officiating.

Taylor-Smith-West Funeral Home, Belle Glade, had charge of the arrangements.

Castro

Saturino Castro, 86, formerly of Belle Glade, passed away on August 12, 1996 at his residence in Loxahatchee.

Mr. Castro worked in the parts department of Okelanta's Sugar Mill before his retirement.

Survivors include his daughter, Esther, and son-in-law Jose martinez of Loxahatchee; grandsons Jose Martin of Ft. Myers and Jorge Martinez of Loxahatchee; great-grandchildren, Katie Ann, Joseph Michael, and Christopher Daniel Martinez; Sister-in-law Maria Josefa of Miami; and many friends.

Funeral Mass of the Resurrection was held on Saturday, Aug. 13 at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Wellington with the Rev. Luis Ainetto officiating.

Interment was in Our Lady

Queen of Peace Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Boynton Memorial Chapel in Boynton Beach.

Crooby

Lewis J. Crooby "Yankoo Joe", 82, born March 26, 1914 to the late Joe & Reza Crooby in Pearson, Ga., died while on a fishing trip in Canada July 28, 1996. Lewis was a long-time pioneer resident of Pahokee, with family living in the Glades since 1917. He is a former member of the First Baptist Church in Pahokee, the Elks Club in Punta Gorda, and Cleveland Avenue Methodist Church in Punta Gorda. Lewis was a World War II veteran, known as "Bing Crosby" for his singing. He moved from Pahokee to Las Vegas, where he retired from a 15-year career with the Sahara Hotel, then he moved from Las Vegas to Punta Gorda.

Surviving are: three children - Yvonne Mudano of Tampa, Lewis Crooby, Jr. of West Palm Beach, and Donald Crooby of Las Vegas; sister and brother-in-law - Lois Crooby Dalton Allen & Robert Allen of Memphis, Tenn.; and Pahokee; 11 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 3 at the family plot in Pearson, Ga.

Reilian Funeral Home, Pearson, Ga., had charge of the arrangements.

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Fulmore

Harrison P. Fulmore "Dye", 49, was born in Lake City, S.C., to the late George and Rena Fulmore and died Aug. 13, 1996 at Hospice of Palm Beach County. He moved to Pahokee at an early age to live with his sister and on Sunday, May 5, 1996, he joined New Zion Holiness Church.

Surviving are: sister, Ruth Nobles of Pahokee; two brothers - Clarence Fulmore of N.Y. and William Fulmore (Pat) of Pahokee; nine nieces - Mary Addie of Royal Palm Beach, Jane Johnson of West Palm Beach, Alberta McCoy of Miami, Lynora Fulmore, Myrtle Nobles, Jasmine Fulmore, and Delores Fulmore, all of Pahokee, Sharon and Teresa Fulmore of Salisbury, Md.; six great-nieces - Shakeria Addie, Keshaneka Rawls, Shacora Miller, Patricia Johnson, Shatterica Miller, and Belinda Jackson; nephew, William Fulmore, Jr. of Pahokee; seven great-nephews - Tremetric Nobles, Tyjuan McCoy, Gary Miller, Garney Miller, Jatavis Miller, and Stephen "Man" Johnson; special friends - Charles Addie, Mattie Gilmore, Zersen Engram, and Arthur Kelly; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 24, 1996 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Pahokee, with Rev. Larry White, Pastor, and Elder Nathaniel Holmes officiating.

Taylor-Smith-West Funeral Home, Belle Glade, had charge of the arrangements.

Mead

George M. Mead, age 100, of 2427 Bacom Point Road, Pahokee, died Wednesday, Aug. 21

at his residence.

A native of New York City, he was born on November 23, 1896, son of the late Thomas J. and Mary Elizabeth Egan Mead. He had made his home in Pahokee since moving from West Palm Beach in 1926. A veteran of World War I, he served in the Army Air Corp. From 1926, until his retirement, he owned and operated George Mead Plumbing. He served as a member of the Draft Board from 1942 until the Korean Conflict. He helped form American Legion, Post 89 in 1928, was a charter member of the Pahokee Elks Lodge in 1940, and was a charter member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and helped construct the sanctuary. He was recognized this year with the "Pioneer Award" by the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce. Recognized for his pioneer spirit, he was only the second recipient of the award. He was married to the former Sue Maxwell on December 21, 1943. She preceded him in death on December 21, 1989.

Survivors include nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

The Rosary Service was held Friday, Aug. 23 in the chapel of the James A. Bennett Funeral Home. Mass of the Resurrection was conducted Saturday, Aug. 24 in St. Mary Catholic Church. Father Innocent Clemente, SDB, officiated. Interment was in Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Serving as active pallbearers were: James Gibson, Philip White, Wayne Sears, Joe Harrington, Tracy Martin, and Billy Bryant. The James A. Bennett Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

McAllister

Myles & Joshua, two sons of Joshua and Tabatha McAllister, were born at 9:56 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, 1996 at Glades General Hospital, Belle Glade. The "twins" died the same day, Aug. 12, 1996.

Surviving are: parents - Tabatha McAllister and Joshua McAllister of South Bay; sister, Nyree Green of South Bay; grandparents - Shellie Ann McAllister, and Eddie & Aubrie Williams, all of South Bay; great grandparents - Shellie M. McAllister of South Bay, and Mary Lee Williams of Sparta, Ga.; and aunts and uncles - Milton Williams of Ft. Lauderdale, Tony Moore of Belle Glade, Nidia Hatcher of Belle Glade, Earl Moore of Pahokee, Denise Day of Jacksonville, and Ericka Collins of South Bay.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 15, 1996 at Taylor-Smith-West Funeral Home, Belle Glade, with Pastor Stella Butts officiating.

Taylor-Smith-West Funeral Home, Belle Glade, had charge of the arrangements.

Nelson

Brenda Nale Nelson, 37, was born April 13, 1959 to Deacon Leroy Alvin, Sr. and Bernese Nelson in Belle Glade and died on Thursday, Aug. 15, 1996. Brenda received her education in the public schools of Palm Beach County, graduating from Glades Central High School with the Class of 1978 and was married to Gerald Mann in June 1977. Brenda was baptized at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, Belle Glade, where she served on the Usher Board and later united with New Bethel Baptist Church, Belle Glade, where she served on the Usher Board and the Glorious Community Church of the Living God in South Bay.

Surviving are: son, Nathan Nelson; mother, Bernese Nelson-Calhoun; stepfather, James Calhoun; four sisters - Glenda Nelson-Garrett of West Palm Beach, Sabrina Nelson-Hawkins of Charleston, S.C., Armetta Nelson-Caines of London, England, and Bernese Lettelle Nelson of Atlanta, Ga.; three brothers - Magt. Herman Edwards of Tampa, Leroy Nelson, Jr. of Belle Glade, and Ricky Tillman of Belle Glade; grandfather, Rev. Sim Nelson, Sr. of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; twelve uncles; fourteen aunts; sixteen nieces and nephews; a kingdom of cousins; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 24, 1996 at New Bethel Baptist Church, Belle Glade, with Rev. R.H. Hairston III, Pastor, officiating.

Taylor-Smith-West Funeral Home, Belle Glade, had charge of the arrangements.

Saunders

Alberta Saunders "Mookie", 43, was born March 24, 1953 in Belle Glade to Claude and Louise Seymour and died Aug. 6, 1996. Preceding her in death was her eldest daughter, Nola.

Surviving are: husband, Oliver Saunders; two children - Kuumba Payne and Paul McDonald; parents - Claude and Louise Seymour; mother-in-law, Inez Saunders; six stepchildren - Ivy Harvey of West Palm Beach, Oliver Saunders Jr., Derrick Saunders, and Markey Saunders, all of Belle Glade, Shelly Saunders

of Ft. Lauderdale, and Dave Saunders of South Kales Island; sisters - Gloria Brown of Royal Palm Beach and Vickie Seymour of Orlando; brothers - Claude Seymour Jr. of Phalem, Ga., Jerry Seymour, and Eric Seymour, both of Belle Glade, Keith Seymour of Ft. Lauderdale, and Michael Jones of Royal Palm Beach; eighteen grandchildren; ten aunts; nine uncles; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 12, 1996 at St. John First Baptist Church, Belle Glade, with Rev. J.B. Adams, Pastor, and Rev. Leon Camel of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church officiating.

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Community United Methodist Church, Belle Glade, was host to a Teacher Appreciation Sunday

Belle Glade's Community United Methodist Church let our teachers in the Glades know that they are appreciated by honoring them at Teacher Appreciation Sunday, Aug. 25.

Activities began with a reception at 10 a.m. in the church parlor. This time of refreshments and informal fellowship gave members of the church the opportunity to meet

and express their appreciation to the teachers. During the 11 a.m. worship service, the teachers were recognized by the pastor, Rev. David A. Day. The youth presented each teacher with a bookmark titled "Blessitudes for Teachers" as a remembrance of the day. Twenty-three teachers currently teaching in seven schools in the Glades area were honored. Nine retired teachers were

also recognized. To those teachers who were unable to be with us for this special day of recognition, Community United Methodist Church says,

Christian Men wanted

The Life Builders Men's Ministry Group will be holding its final planning meeting on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Church of

"Thank you for all that you are doing for our children and youth. You are helping to mold the future of the Glades in your classrooms."

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The organizational meeting was held on Aug. 26 and all 40 men in attendance pledged membership to this ministry. This group of Christian Men will do ministry work throughout the Glades area. If you would like more information about life builders or would like to join our group, please attend the planning meeting to call 996-0508. All Christian Men are invited to join.

Fishing with Walt Reynolds

I was in Flipper, Ark., this week to pick up my new Ranger boat at the factory. I also went to the Ranger Trail Trailer factory.

One quick of boat buyers is they will often go "first class" in choosing the hull and outboard motor, then economize on that unglamorous but necessary third element—the boat trailer.

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Make sure your boat and motor does not exceed the rated weight capacity of the trailer. If your boat weight when new is close to the trailer limit you should probably go to the next bigger trailer (boats have a tendency to "put on weight" the longer you own them.) Trailer brakes are considered essential if your towing package weighs

2,000 pounds or more.

The number of wheels your trailer has is important. Four wheels are better than two. If you want a blowout when traveling at 65 mph, the four wheel models assure that you'll still have one good tire on the blowout side. That will keep the rig level and help you keep control.

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New laws will affect all residents, says James Scott, president of the Florida Senate

By James A. Scott

President of the Florida Senate

In 1994 when I became Senate President, I pledged to tackle the issue that was most on Floridians' minds: public safety. The Legislature passed several measures that were designed to send the strong and distinct message to criminals that crime no longer pays in Florida. As a result of legislation that increased prison capacity and required inmates to serve at least 85 percent of sentences, the crime rate in Florida last year has gone down by more than 6 percent. According to the law enforcement community, this decrease is attributable to more aggressive laws and prison sentences. Crime is still at unacceptable levels in our state, but we are headed in the right direction and we are making progress.

Everyone agrees the best long-term

solution to crime is education. It is the key to a healthy society - the gateway to economic independent and civic responsibility. This past legislative session, our focus shifted to improving the education of Florida students by encouraging innovation and parental involvement, improving education standards, and promoting safe schools.

We began with an education budget that increased kindergarten through 12th grade funding by \$631 million - an increase of \$155 per pupil - and provided \$100 million for class size reduction. In addition to providing teachers with greater control over classrooms, we included \$50 million the budget for Safe Schools. However, money alone is not the answer to improving the quality of education in Florida. We need fundamental, systematic reform of the public school

system, and part of that reform begins with charter school unencumbered by many state regulations but held accountable in implementing innovative teaching methods.

The Legislature passed graduation requirements that would have increased the GPA for high school graduation and participation in inter-scholastic extracurricular activities from 1.5 to 2.0.

Unfortunately, this legislation was vetoed by the governor, however, several school boards across the state are looking into instituting this GPA change in an effort to improve education standards. Our goal is to provide a solid education foundation that will enable students to enter the work force, obtain a well-paying job and be self-sufficient.

Self-sufficiency is the cornerstone of an extensive welfare reform package designed to create opportunity and ensure independence. The package - Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency (WAGES) - is expected to save \$25 million the first year and emphasizes the replacement of welfare as an entitlement with a system that rewards work with wages, while establishing time limited benefits. Other key components to the welfare package include child care, medical care, employment assistance, temporary financial assistance, and vocational education and training. In summary, every able-bodied person on welfare will have to go to work under our plan.

An education system that prepares people to work and public assistance that propels people into the work force will be useless if there are no good jobs to be had. The Legislature took a comprehensive approach to economic development with the focus being a public/private partnership between government and private industry to gain the flexibility necessary to operate in a business environment and respond to the ever-changing needs of business. Economic incentives, better coordination between business and government, and an expedited permitting process are just a few of the elements that will help encourage business and job expansion. The economic development package, along with a streamlined government rule making process, will enhance Florida's image as a business friendly state and help draw high-wage jobs to Florida.

Those are just a few of the accomplishments of the 1996 legislative session. While the Legislature was addressing education, welfare reform and economic development, we also sought protections for health maintenance organization (HMO) patients. To help stop some of the flagrant abuses, we passed legislation that prohibits door-to-door solicitation of Medicaid recipients, strengthens regulatory powers, increases fines for HMOs that violate requirements, and provides for greater consumer awareness.

With Hurricane Andrew fresh in the memories of Floridians and hurricane season pressing down on us, the Florida Legislature took steps to maintain a stable homeowners' insurance market by extending the moratorium to prevent cancellation of homeowners' insurance, providing some flexibility in hurricane deductibles, and requiring rates be reviewed in a more timely manner.

The 1996 Legislative Session was an undeniable success. Our crime rate - while still a problem - is going down, we have implemented new innovative measures to improve our education system, provisions are in place to create plentiful and high-wage jobs for Floridians, and we are extending a hand and helping to restore independence to those who are dependent on public assistance. But we must continue to work together toward a common goal: building on past successes that will make for a better and more prosperous Florida for all.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 101, 5612, Florida Statutes, testing of the Computer Election Systems automatic tabulation equipment, to be used in the City of Belle Glade's General Election on Tuesday, September 10, 1996, will be held on Friday, September 6, 1996, at 10:30 a.m., at the City of Belle Glade Fire Station located at 525 S.W. Second Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida.

In the event that a Run-Off Election is necessary on September 17, 1996, testing of the Computer Election Systems automatic tabulating equipment, to be used in the Run-Off Election, will be held on Friday, September 13, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. in the City of Belle Glade fire Station, 525 S.W. Second Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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Interns to be selected for State House

Representative Rick Minton, District 78, has applications available for the 1997-98 House of Representatives Internship Program. The internships will begin in Tallahassee June 1, 1997 and end May 31, 1998.

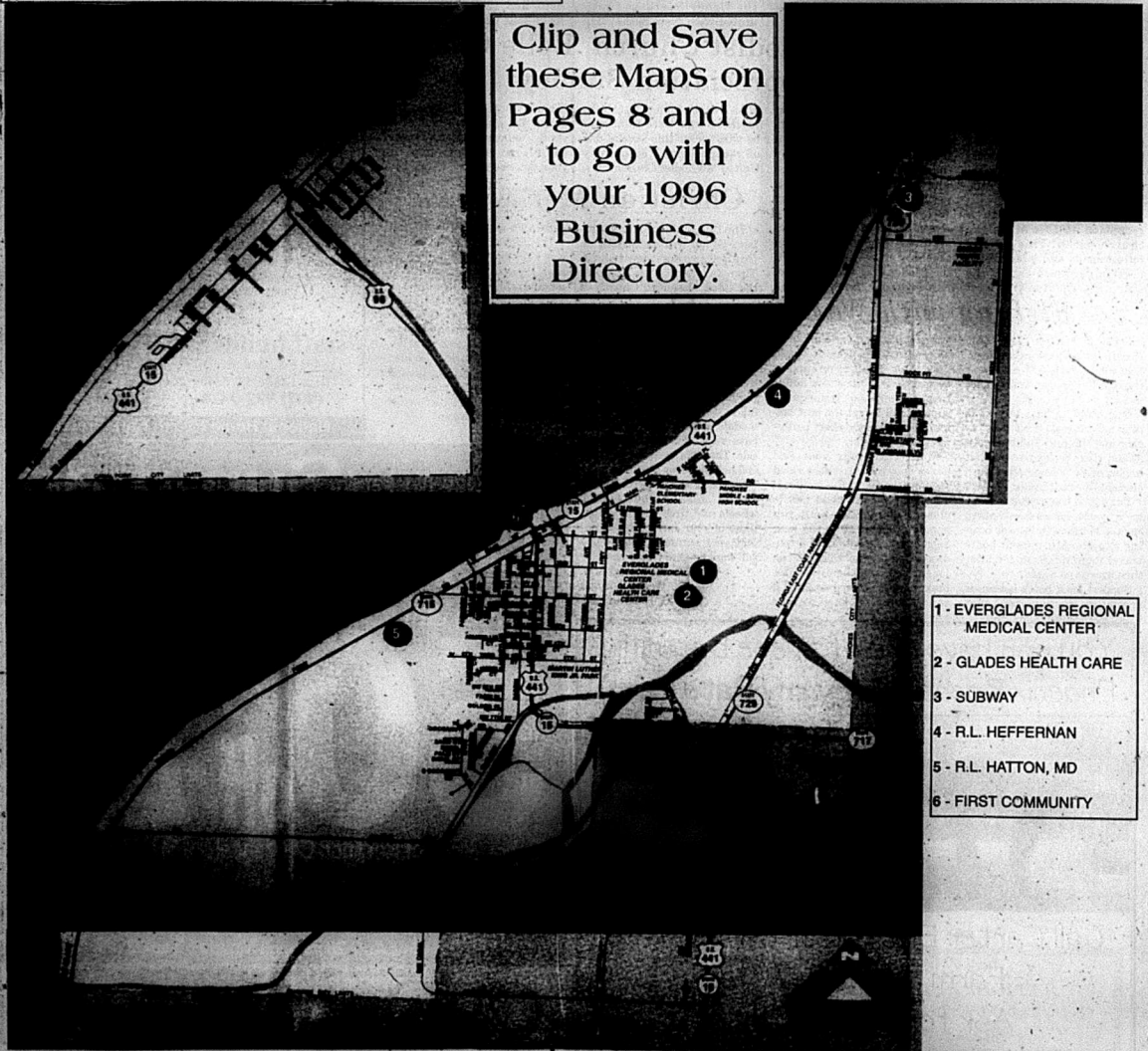
The program is available to students who have received their undergraduate degree and are continuing in graduate

work. Interns must be enrolled in at least six hours of classes during the program year. Interns are required to work a minimum of 20 hours per week and receive a monthly stipend of \$1,000. In addition, the House will pay for up to 36 hours of tuition. The House Administrative Services office will make the selection of the interns and expects strong

competition to fill the 35-40 available internships.

Anyone wishing to serve as an intern in Tallahassee should contact Representative Minton's office for an application. The application deadline for the 1997-98 program is Nov. 1, 1996. For more information, please contact Rep. Minton at (561) 695-1380 or (561) 279-1633.

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Tom Watkins named executive director of Economic Council

Thomas D. Watkins has been appointed Executive Director of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, according to Council Chairman Larry Sartory. Mr. Watkins started Aug. 19.



Tom Watkins

to address the myriad of issues in which the Council is involved.

Mr. Watkins earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University and his Master's Degree from Wayne State University, where he is

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and Executive Committee of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, Southeastern

Michigan Council on Governmental Development - Regional Development Advisory Committee; and the

Northwest Detroit Neighborhood City Hall Community Leaders Council.

In making the announcement, Mr. Sartory said "We are very happy to have found someone with the varied background and excellent credentials that Tom possesses to lead the Council in the coming years. His leadership qualities in the areas of education, business and civic involvement, represent the broad background that is vital

currently "in progress" in earning his Doctorate.

His varied background includes leadership roles as Special Assistant to the President and Director, Detroit Center for Charter Schools, Wayne State University; Director, Department of Mental Health for the State of Michigan, management Consultant with a



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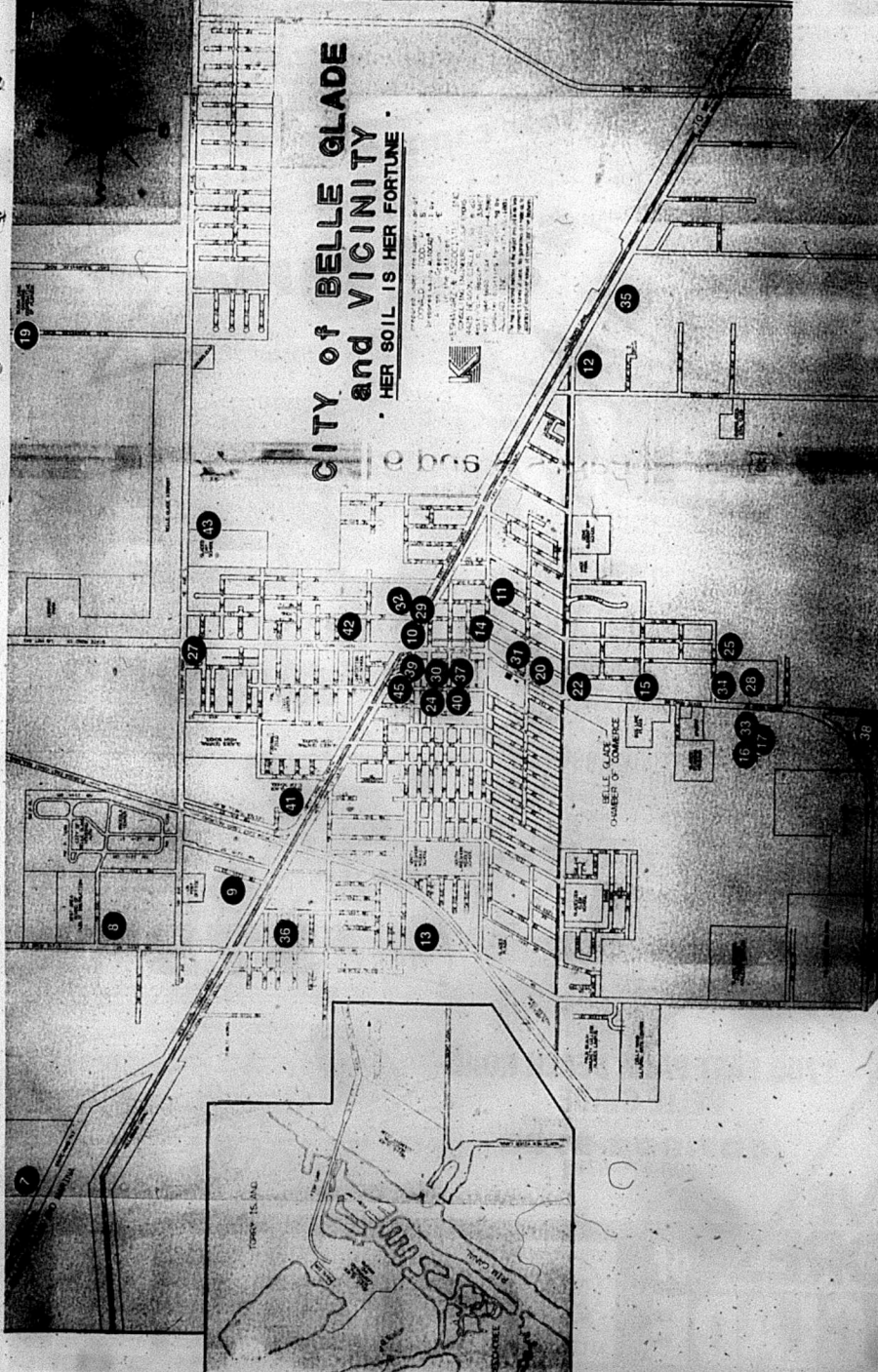
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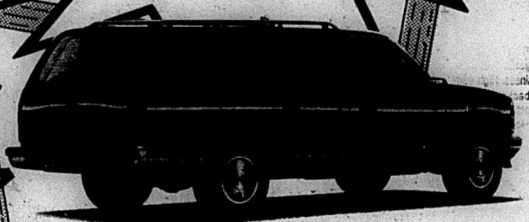


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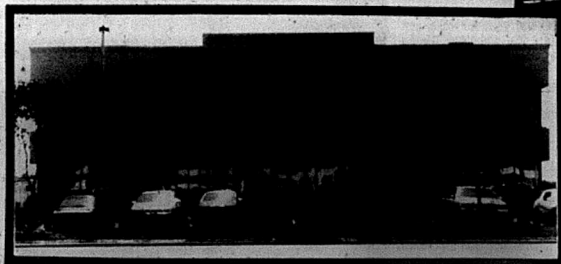
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